

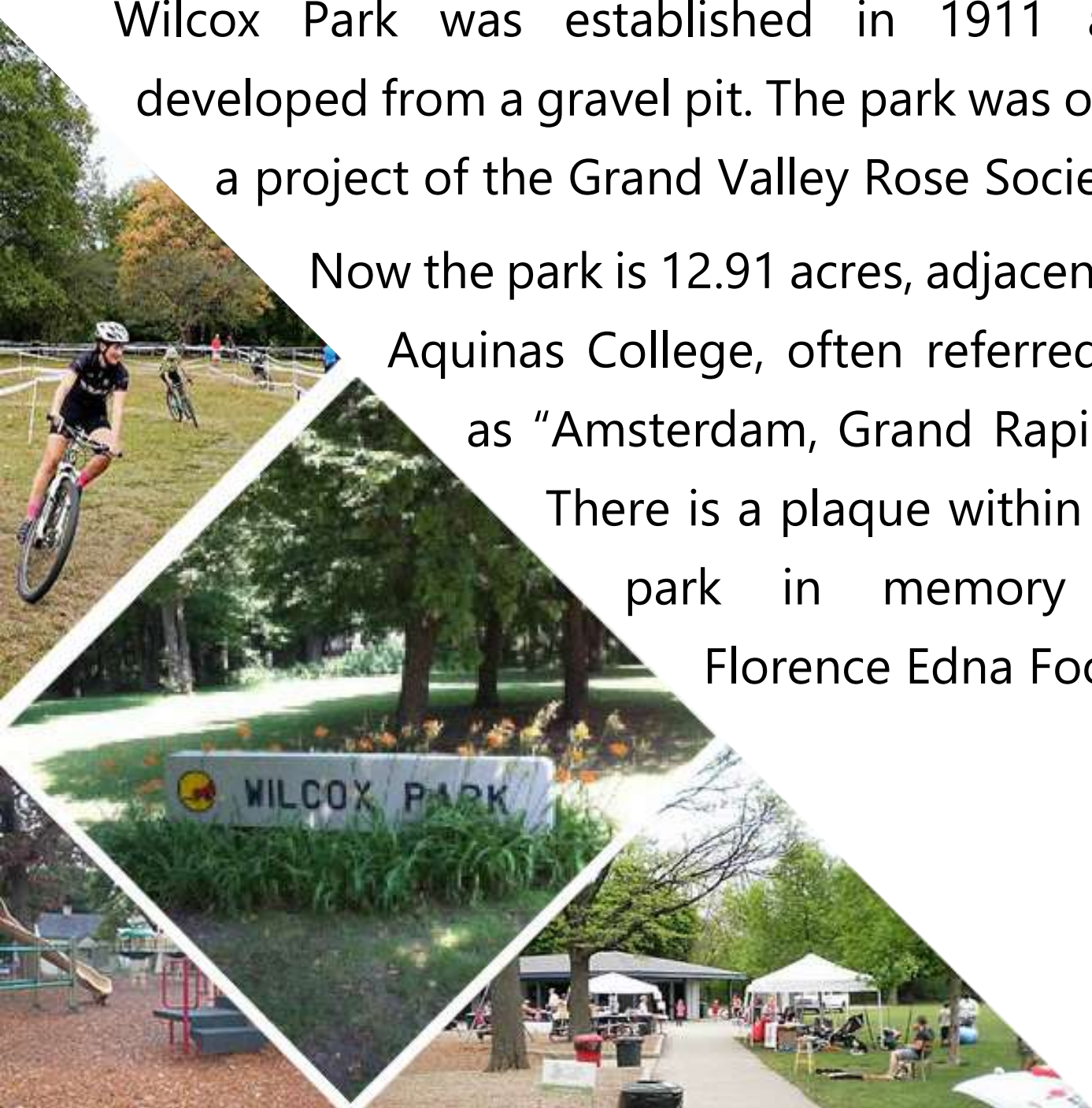


# WILCOX PARK

Wilcox Park was established in 1911 and developed from a gravel pit. The park was once a project of the Grand Valley Rose Society.

Now the park is 12.91 acres, adjacent to Aquinas College, often referred to as "Amsterdam, Grand Rapids".

There is a plaque within the park in memory of Florence Edna Foote.



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## **RESTRICTIONS & GUIDELINES**

- A **site map** must be provided to display the layout of the event
- All **sound** must be conducted below 85 decibels, metered at the perimeter
- Any **tape, rope, signs, wire**, etc. that have been placed on the ground, buildings, columns, windows, poles, etc. must be completely removed after the event. Additional fees will be charged if any items are left
- Vendors/trucks/tables all must have a **mat** underneath to avoid damages to the grass and pavement and catch grease and liquid spills
- **Staking** is not permitted. You must use water barrels.
- All **vehicles**, in front of meters or not, must have a permit supplied by parking services. Vehicles without permits may be ticketed  
\*Only vehicles dropping off for set-up/tear down are allowed
- **Parking** is available on the street
- Electrical **cords** are not to be laid across walkways or over mounds for safety reasons. See map for voltage & locations
- It is required that there is a **clean-up plan** established before the event takes place. There will be an extra fee for damages or any necessary clean up provided by the City.



## **SEVERE WEATHER DEFINITION**

Severe weather involves conditions which can pose health or safety risks to employees or to the public involved in program/ event/facility use. Severe weather examples include: Tornado, Severe Thunderstorms, Lightning, High Winds, Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Heavy Snow, Freezing Rain, and Blizzards.

## **WATCH VS WARNING**

### **SEVERE WEATHER WATCH**

- High probabilities of severe weather
- Event continues if weather permits

### **SEVERE WEATHER WARNING**

- Event MC must immediately make an announcement instructing attendees to seek shelter
- Event staff and vendors shut down and turn off any gas or electric components

## **SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

It is important to have a well thought out and coordinated approach for responding, proceeding and dealing with severe weather. The emphasis is to take reasonable steps towards protecting the public, employees, and property during severe weather.

- Designate a person who will maintain the appropriate communication link (radio, phone, etc.).
- Depending on the event, location, crowd and whether the event is yet to begin, just starting or nearly finished, the staff person in charge may delay or cancel event.
- The staff person in charge will make every effort to secure all equipment.
- When the police officers, fire officers, or other officials are available, their decision to delay or cancel an event should be discussed with the Office of Special Events.

\*Refunds will be made at the discretion of the OSE





## **Park Capacity**

**Including both sides, Wilcox Park can accommodate approximately 41,000 people at one time.**

## **Amenities**

**Restrooms, Electric, Water , Playground, 4 Tennis Courts, Ball Diamond, Basketball Court, Wading Pool, Enclosed Shelter with Fire Place.**

## **Park Dimensions**

**Wilcox Park is 12.9 Acres.**

## **Site Rental**

**There is a cost to rent Wilcox Park. For a full list of all fees that may apply, please refer to our Planning and Resource Guide at [grandrapidsmi.gov/specialevents](http://grandrapidsmi.gov/specialevents)**



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